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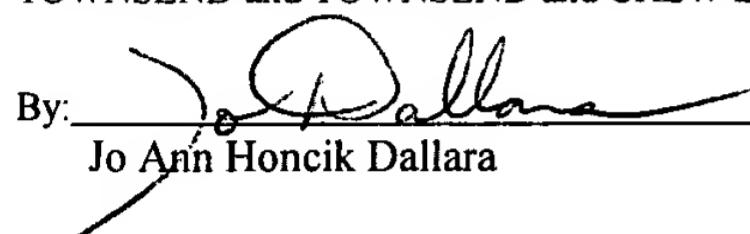
**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Michael G. Katze et al.

Application No.: 09/972,756

Filed: October 5, 2001

For: NOVEL SCREENING METHODS  
TO IDENTIFY AGENTS THAT  
SELECTIVELY INHIBIT HEPATITIS C  
VIRUS REPLICATION

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 1, 2005, on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. The due date for response is Sunday, May 1, 2005, making the actual due date Monday, May 2, 2005. A Notice of Appeal is included herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.